

Babib's story



Habib has explained to us that, "The street has been an ordinary space in every society but it takes special skills to see it differently from other people. This is when you are a Street Worker, when you take off your shoes.

For the past eight years I have been working with children on the streets of Kumasi and have learned to appreciate what it means to be on the streets at that tender age without any kind of support and guidance. This has strengthened my resolve to be there for these children when they need someone to talk to, someone to support them to build a positive future because I know that they could not do it alone. I have had an incredible experience talking to children on the street and I am ready to continue being with them."

Habib also joined the street work team of MFCS after the headcount in 2013. He has extensive knowledge of the Kumasi Central market area as he grew up around there. The market has the highest concentration of street-connected children and "kayayei" in the city.

He said that even though he grew up around the market, he was not on the streets himself and did not know how it was to be on the streets. Working with street connected children has opened his eyes to how resilient the children are and he now appreciates the need to have someone to support them, not least as they are often simply lonely.

Habib is also an experienced adult functional literacy (reading and numeracy) educator.